

count on you, Steve, to help resolve the remaining issues. The Voluntary Fund for Moldova is a valuable tool for getting rid of weapons and ammunition. Keep using it.

OSCE's action plan will be valuable in fighting terrorism. Implementation is critical. Keep the momentum going.

Institutionally speaking, OSCE's strengths remain its flexibility, the high degree of political will that is reflected in its consensus decisions, and the politically binding nature of its commitments. As OSCE considers how it might best adapt to changing needs, do not compromise these strengths. Build upon them.

Ladies and Gentlemen, next week, Steve and I will travel to Bucharest for a meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council. There, the Chairmanship-in-Office will pass from the capable hands of Romania into the able hands of Portugal. And I will just as confidently witness the passing of the baton from Ambassador Johnson to Ambassador Minikes.

There is a great deal of important work ahead for the OSCE. There are still many promises to keep. And Steve, the President and I know that you will help us keep them.

You and Dede have President Bush's and my best wishes as you embark upon your new mission for our country.

And now it is my pleasure to administer the oath of office.

FREE SPEECH IN CZECH REPUBLIC

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, as Chairman of the Commission on Security on Cooperation in Europe, I have a keen interest in the fight against organized crime and corruption in the 55-nation OSCE region. I have raised this issue at the meetings of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, at Commission hearings, and in meetings with United States Government and foreign officials.

The impact of organized crime in the OSCE region is not limited to some far-off land. Organized crime and corruption directly bear on United States security, economic, and political interests at home and abroad. And at the OSCE Summit held in Istanbul in 1999, the Heads of State and Government of the participating States recognized that corruption poses a serious and great threat to OSCE shared values, cutting across security, economic, and human dimensions of the OSCE.

One of the best tools at our disposal in advancing the fight against corruption is a free and independent press that can both investigate and report on possible corruption. Unfortunately, it is no surprise that journalists who report on issues related to corruption sometimes find themselves the victims of harassment and, in extreme cases, violence.

Accordingly, I am disturbed by reports that the Czech Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Zeman, is seeking to have criminal charges brought against a political weekly, Respekt. Threats by the Prime Minister to shut down this publication followed the newspaper's coverage of the release of Transparency International's most recent report, Global Corruption Report 2001, in which the Czech Republic compared un-

favorably to other former Communist countries in the region.

In fact, Peter Holub, the editor of Respekt, is not the only Czech journalist to get into hot water for trying to report on corruption. In January 1998, journalist Zdenek Zukal was arrested in connection with his reporting on alleged corruption in the locality of Olomouc and charged with "spreading alarming information." His case has dragged on for some four years without resolution.

I understand the government's desire to get its message out. But trying to achieve that goal by muzzling journalists and threatening them with jail time is not the way to do it. More to the point, it violates the OSCE commitments the Czech Republic has freely undertaken.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO TEX HALL

• Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I want to take a few minutes to congratulate Chairman Tex Hall for his recent election as president of the National Congress of American Indians. Tex is the chairman of Three Affiliated Tribes, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, in my State of North Dakota.

As my colleagues know, the NCAI is the Nation's oldest and largest advocacy group representing Native Americans. I can vouch from my own personal experience in working with Tex that he will be a strong and persistent voice on behalf of Native Americans. Over the years, Tex and I have worked together on such issues as Indian education, Indian health care, economic development, water needs in North Dakota, and other issues. Tex has always been fighting, and rightly so, to increase the Federal Government's funding for Indian health, education, transportation, and other programs. Federal funding in these areas has been woefully inadequate, and I have been glad to join him in this fight.

A story from just last year illustrates what a strong advocate Tex is. I was working very hard with Tex to secure funding for the Four Bears Bridge, which is the only crossing point across the Missouri River for 150 miles and is especially important to the Fort Berthold Reservation because it connects the two halves of the reservation. The President's budget requested only \$5 million for design of the new bridge, and at first it looked like even keeping that level of funding would be a challenge. After a lot of elbow grease, however, I was pleased to call Tex to let him know that I had been able to secure \$35 million, which was the full Federal Government share for the bridge's design and construction. I was pretty proud of this accomplishment, and of course, Tex thanked me very graciously. Then, like the true tribal advocate that he is, he asked for more money.

Virtually his entire life, Tex has been a leader in one way or another. For instance, he served 11 years as principal and superintendent of the Mandaree school, and was named North Dakota "Indian Educator of the Year" in 1995. Prior to being elected tribal chairman in 1998, he served on the tribal business council for 3 years. He currently serves on countless boards and task forces, representing tribal interests in just about every important area of Indian policy. And he has even had time for his cattle and buffalo ranching and to found the All Nations High School Basketball Tournament and Tex Hall basketball camps.

Tex's election as president of NCAI comes at a very important time in the Federal Government's relationship with tribes. As is well documented, the Federal Government's century of mismanagement of Indian trust funds and resources is coming to a head with Interior Secretary Gale Norton's announcement of a reorganization of her Department's trust responsibilities. Chairman Hall has jumped right in as president of NCAI and has been leading the fight to ensure that tribes are meaningfully consulted before a plan with such enormous consequences is implemented.

I look forward to continuing to work with Tex in his new position on the many important issues facing Indian country and Congress. I offer him my congratulations and best wishes.●

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM C. WALTERS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS MOVE FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HEADQUARTERS

• Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, my Pacific Northwest colleagues and I have mixed emotions about the recent move of our friend Bill Walters to Washington, DC. Although he will be sorely missed in our region, where he served in the Seattle office as deputy director for the National Park Service's Pacific West region, we realize that he will be playing a crucial role as associate to the Director for the National Park Service in its headquarters office within the Department of the Interior. We wish him much success in this new posting.

After serving the Pacific Northwest so ably, Bill has demonstrated he is well suited for his new job. The regional leadership of the Park Service call him the "regional dad." He has a charming way of being able to take care of things and make everyone feel good about the outcome. I imagine this is what the Director of the Park Service immediately sensed and why we lost a good person in the Northwest, but gained one at National Park Service Headquarters.

Bill arrived in Seattle in 1992, just as the new administration was talking about downsizing. He shepherded a reasonable approach to efficient management, reducing the numbers of employees without an employee losing his or

her job. More importantly, in consultation with me and other members of the congressional delegation, he maintained an office in Seattle, which provides direct service to the people of the Pacific Northwest.

The upheaval created by this reorganization was considerable. His calm voice of reason and genuine compassion made it possible for all of us to work at finding improvement, efficiency, and value in maintaining an office in the Pacific Northwest.

It was through this difficult process that I became acquainted with Bill. Since then, I have witnessed numerous examples of his good judgment and the gracious manner in which he brings people together around thoughtful solutions. He is a master statesman.

Bill is one of the few park professionals who has experience at the local, State, and Federal levels. This experience and his rare personal qualities make him a perfect negotiator and an effective steward of the public trust. Bill developed a impressive working agreement with the State of Idaho for managing the city of Rocks National Reserve. I witnessed his skill firsthand when we worked together in the creation of the city, county, and national partnership for Washington's Ebey's Landing National Reserve, which is bringing new vision and energy to the management of this unique park.

He was instrumental in helping to forge the partnership that resulted in the Vancouver National Historic Reserve along the Columbia River in my State of Washington. Without his personal involvement, the site would still be mired in controversy. Instead, we have Federal, State, local, and private entities working together to support a site that has 200 years of European history and countless years of pre-European archeology.

There is a quiet competence and goodness about this man that enables him to work collaboratively with NGOs, environmental activists, employees, allies, community leaders, and opponents alike. I have always appreciated his honesty and forthright character. Many in the Northwest have come to respect and appreciate Bill's open and engaging manner and professionalism. Bill represents park interests in a way that has made partners out of adversaries. You can't go very far in the Pacific Northwest without seeing examples of Bill's effective problem solving and sound stewardship.

We may have lost a skilled and trusted manager in the Northwest, but National Park Service Director Fran Mainella has gained a valuable associate who will serve her and the National Park Service well in the years ahead. We all benefit by having this man of integrity in Government service.●

HAROLD SCHAFER: A NORTH DAKOTA ORIGINAL

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, one of my State's leading citizens has passed

away and I want to reflect on what can only be described as a triumphant life. I extend my sympathy to his family in this time of grief. But I know his family is also celebrating his full life.

Harold Schafer is the classic story of a poor youth who became successful through old-fashioned entrepreneurship and flat-out hard work. He deserves our respect for that, but, more importantly, we ought to take note of what he did with his wealth.

Harold Schafer would not permit his capital to pile up in trust funds, and stock portfolios, and real estate investments. To what will be his ever-lasting credit, he worked just as hard at disbursing his money to good causes as he initially did earning it. The recipients of his generosity are legion, colleges and communities and authors and park boards and hospitals and youth groups and a cavalcade of individuals who needed a hand.

Most memorable is his re-creation of the historic and romantic cow town of Medora. Cradled in the spectacular Badlands of North Dakota, it's become the State's primary tourist designation. Because of the enormous investment and creative imagination that Harold Schafer poured into rejuvenating it, this storied village, a place where Teddy Roosevelt once lived, has become symbolic of the Old West. Harold Schafer's resurrection and promotion of Medora has made it a jewel of North Dakota's heritage and will forever be the crowning achievement of his life.

Harold Schafer has left us, but he has given us Medora, a sweet, handsome, proud, and historic place. There can be no question but that Harold is pleased with this very special legacy and North Dakotans are thankful indeed.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 288. Concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to make

a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1438.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 78. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 1438) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

At 3:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 289. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1) to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind.

At 6:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2884) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the State.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 494. An act to provide for a transition to democracy and to promote economic recovery in Zimbabwe.

S. 1196. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. A joint resolution providing for the appointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed subsequently by the president by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted: